

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated September 21, 2004 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required a restriction for:

Group I. Claims 1-31, 70-81 and 88-93, drawn to the method of manufacturing, classified in class 438, subclass 597+.

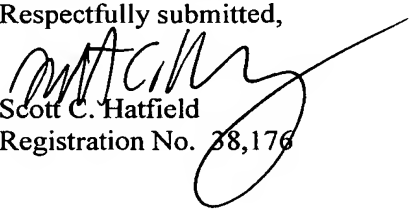
Group II. Claims 32-69 and 82-87, drawn to the device, classified in class 257, subclass 734+.

In response, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect the following named claims: Group II including Claims 32-69 and 82-87. Claims 1-31, 70-81, and 88-93 have been canceled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue these claims in a divisional application. Applicants have also added new Dependent Claims 94-96 respectively depending from Claims 45, 58, and 82, and corrected the dependency of Claim 63. In addition, the Applicants have amended the title to conform to the claim amendments.

While the Examiner has required an election of species with respect to Claims of Group I, no separate species have been defined with respect to Claims of Group II, and no election of species has been requested with respect to Claims of Group II. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,


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